

**2013 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Economic and Rural Development Committee (ERDC) was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on April 30, 2013.

Economic and rural development in New Mexico continues to be a significant area of concern and focus for the state. During the 2013 interim and as time permits, the ERDC proposes to receive presentations on the following:

- (1) current programs, including the Frontier Communities Initiative, legislative priorities and proposed legislation of the Economic Development Department;
- (2) the Economic Development Department's report on tax credits and other incentives offered by the state and the relationship between those incentives and job creation in the state;
- (3) current programs, including "New Mexico True", legislative priorities and proposed legislation of the Tourism Department;

(4) the Taxation and Revenue Department's report on the impact of 2013 legislation on economic development and employment in the state and the effects of the passage of House Bill 641 in the 2013 session;

(5) the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department's procedures related to liquor licensing, the impact of those procedures on businesses and economic development and any necessary policy revisions;

(6) the Workforce Solutions Department's, Legislative Finance Committee's and industry representatives' reports on growing industries, including nuclear energy and waste, renewable energy, health care and home-based work, that could create jobs in New Mexico;

(7) a report by the New Mexico Film Division of the Economic Development Department on recent legislation affecting the film industry and updates from the division;

(8) a report by the Construction Industries Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department on 2013 legislation related to construction inspectors and code compliance measures; and how changes in the law are being implemented by the division;

(9) the disparity between the number of health care jobs in New Mexico and the number of qualified health care workers entering New Mexico's work force each year; and any necessary policy revisions to reduce this disparity and to encourage employment of New Mexicans in health care positions;

(10) oral health care needs in rural areas and dental therapist legislation;

(11) employment, fair wages and high rates of unemployment and poverty in New Mexico; and possible policy changes;

(12) New Mexico Partnership's report on businesses looking to move to or expand in New Mexico;

(13) the activities and recent initiatives of Spaceport America;

(14) individual development accounts and possible related legislation to be proposed;

(15) the programs of the New Mexico Aviation Aerospace Association, including the Education Alliance;

(16) economic development issues and obstacles faced by rural communities and Indian tribes, nations and pueblos within New Mexico;

(17) the role of institutions of higher education and STEM (science, technology,

engineering and math) schools in producing a skilled New Mexico work force; and policy changes to increase education, training and, ultimately, employment in the state;

(18) the impact of oil and gas ordinances and regulations on the state's revenues;

(19) agriculture and value-added agriculture and the Economic Development Department's, New Mexico State University's and industry representatives' reports on their contribution to and potential growth of the state's economy;

(20) the relationship between farming and health and economic development; and connecting farmers with schools, institutions and other buyers;

(21) mining activity in New Mexico, including copper and the proposed Roca Honda uranium mine; and issues related to mining, including job creation and environmental impact;

(22) the economic gardening model, focusing on the role of entrepreneurs in growing economies; and the status of current economic gardening initiatives in New Mexico;

(23) activities and businesses of the New Mexico Borderplex and New Mexico's success through the Borderplex in the international economic market;

(24) the development of designated areas within Albuquerque, including the Route 66 corridor;

(25) broadband telecommunications availability and its relationship to economic and rural development; and activities and progress of the New Mexico Broadband Working Group;

(26) the Research and Development Small Business Tax Credit Act and the activities of the New Mexico small business assistance program;

(27) public-private partnerships, 2013 legislation and proposed legislation for 2014; and

(28) renewable energy industries in New Mexico, including wind, geothermal and solar resources, and their roles in New Mexico's economy and development.

**Economic and Rural Development Committee
2013 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 4	Santa Fe
July 8-9	Farmington
August 5-6	Truth or Consequences
September 12-13	Ruidoso
October 10-11	Pueblo of Santa Clara
December 4	Santa Fe